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22. (Amended) Formulation in the form of a matrix material-containing compound comprising:
- an active substance phase comprising at least one active substance;
  - and
  - a matrix material phase comprising at least one polymer or lipid, wherein when said polymer comprises cellulose the portion of the matrix material phase of the formulation is 70 to 98% by weight, and wherein the formulation is in the form of a freely flowable powder of spray-dried particles such that the matrix material phase is incoherent and the active substance phase of the formulation is coherent, and the formulation provides controlled-release properties when directly compressed.
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Please delete claims 4-8 and insert new claims 31-35, which recite the subject matter of claims 4-8, respectively.

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31. Formulation according to any one of claims 1, 2 and 19-22, wherein the content of the matrix material phase of the formulation is 1 to 98 % by weight.
32. Formulation according to any one of claims 1, 2 and 19-22, wherein the content of the matrix material phase of the formulation is 10 to 95 % by weight.
33. Formulation according to any one of claims 1, 2 and 19-22, wherein the content of the matrix material phase of the formulation is more than 15 % and not more than 90 % by weight.
34. Formulation according to any one of claims 1, 2 and 19-22, wherein the content of the matrix material phase of the formulation is 40 to 70 % by weight.
35. Formulation according to any one of claims 1, 2 and 19-22, wherein the matrix material phase comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of polyacrylate, polymethacrylate, naturally occurring, semi-synthetic and synthetic triglycerides or mixtures thereof, mono- and diglycerides by

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themselves or in a mixture with one another or with triglycerides, naturally occurring and synthetic waxes, fatty alcohols, including their esters and ethers, lipid peptides, synthetic mono-, di- and triglycerides as individual substances or in a mixture, hydrogenated fat, glycerol tri-fatty acid esters, glycerol trilaurate, -myristate, - palmitate, -stearate and -behenate, waxes, cetyl palmitate, cera alba and beeswax.

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EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT:

The claims have been amended as shown by [deletions] and insertions.

2. (Amended) Formulation in the form of a matrix material-containing compound comprising:
  - an excipient phase comprising at least one excipient;
  - an active substance phase comprising at least one active substance;
  - and
  - a matrix material phase comprising at least one polymer or lipid, wherein [in case of] when the matrix material phase comprises cellulose the portion of the matrix material phase of the formulation is 70 to 98% by weight, and wherein the formulation is in the form of a freely flowable powder of spray-dried particles such that the matrix material phase is incoherent and the excipient and active substance phases of the formulation are coherent, and the formulation provides controlled-release properties when directly compressed.
  
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  - and
  - a matrix material phase comprising at least one polymer or lipid, wherein [in case of] when said polymer comprises cellulose the portion of the matrix material phase of the formulation is 70 to 98% by weight, and wherein the formulation is in the form of a freely flowable powder of spray-dried particles such that the matrix material phase is incoherent and the active substance phase of the formulation is coherent, and the formulation provides controlled-release properties when directly compressed.